



RECEIVED

MAR 05 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 28967/34140A

#109/18a
03-17-03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Alitalo et al.

Serial No.: 09/534,376

Filed: March 24, 2000

For: Vascular Endothelial Growth
Factor C (VEGF-C) Protein
and Gene, Mutants Thereof,
and Uses Thereof

Examiner: Eileen B. O'Hara

Group Art Unit: 1646

I hereby certify that this paper is being
deposited with the United States Postal
Service as first class mail, postage
prepaid, in an envelope addressed to:
Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231 on this date:

February 28, 2003


David A. Gass

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In an Office Action mailed September 30, 2002, the Examiner objected to the specification for informalities regarding deposit information: rejected claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-37 and 40 under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting; and rejected claims 5, 7-9, 11-14, and 19-27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. In view of the amendments and remarks made herein, reconsideration is respectfully requested. This amendment is timely filed with a petition and fee for a two month extension of time.